

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-31-CM**  
**AMENDING TIPPECANOE COUNTY CODE**  
**REPEALING CHAPTER 35**  
**ADDING NEW CHAPTER 35**  
**ELECTION DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana has determined that as a result of information provided by the 2010 Federal Census regarding Tippecanoe County population it is necessary to amend the election districts pertaining to election of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County and the Tippecanoe County Council in accordance with Indiana Code 36-2-2-4.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that the Tippecanoe County Code be amended to repeal Chapter 35 Election Districts and add a new Chapter 35 Election Districts reading as follows:

**CHAPTER 35: ELECTION DISTRICTS**

Section

- 35.01 Purpose
- 35.02 Commissioner districts
- 35.03 Council districts
- 35.04 Precinct judges to exercise duties of election sheriffs

**§ 35.01 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this chapter is to establish County Commissioner and Council election districts.

**§ 35.02 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.**

(A) The County Executive shall divide the county into three districts that are composed of contiguous territory and are reasonably compact. The Executive may not divide precincts, and may divide townships only when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting. If it is necessary to do so the County Auditor shall call a special meeting of the Executive to establish or revise districts.

(B) Pursuant to I.C. 36-2-2-4(a), the county shall be divided into the following County Commissioner election districts:

1. Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners District No. 1 shall

consist of Fairfield Township Precincts 1 through 23 inclusive, 26 through 28 inclusive, and 37; Perry Township Precincts 1 through 6 inclusive; Tippecanoe Township Precincts 1 through 7 inclusive; Wabash Township Precincts 6 through 8 inclusive, and 21; and Washington Township Precincts 1 and 2.

2. Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners District No. 2 shall consist of Shelby Township Precincts 1 and 2; Wabash Township Precincts 1 through 5 inclusive, 9 through 20 inclusive, and 22 through 31 inclusive.

3. Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners District No. 3 shall consist of Fairfield Township Precincts 24 and 25, 29 through 36 inclusive; Jackson Township Precinct 1; Lauramie Township Precinct 1 and 2; Randolph Township Precinct 1; Sheffield Township Precinct 1 through 4 inclusive; Union Township Precinct 1; Wayne Township Precinct 1, and Wea Township Precinct 1 through 21 inclusive.

(C) Precinct Maps Adopted by Reference. The Tippecanoe County Commissioner Election District Maps reflecting the foregoing County Commissioner election districts are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code the same as if set forth in full herein. The Tippecanoe County Commissioner Election District Maps are on file in the Office of the Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission and two (2) copies of the Tippecanoe County Commissioner Election District Maps are on file in the office of the Tippecanoe County Auditor for public inspection during regular office hours.

### **§ 35.03 COUNCIL DISTRICTS.**

(A) The County Executive shall, by ordinance, divide the county into four contiguous, single-member districts that comply with division (B) below. The Executive may not divide precincts when redistricting. If it is necessary to do so, the County Auditor shall call a special meeting of the Executive to establish or revise districts. One member of the fiscal body shall be elected by the voters of each of the four districts. Three at-large members of the fiscal body shall be elected by the voters of the whole county.

(B) Single member districts established under division (A) above must:

(1) Be compact, subject only to natural boundary lines (such as railroads, major highways, rivers, creeks, parks and major industrial complexes);

- (2) Not cross precinct boundary lines;
  - (3) Contain, as nearly as possible, equal population; and
  - (4) Include whole townships, except when a division is clearly necessary to accomplish redistricting under this section.
- (C) A division under division (A) shall be made:
- (1) In 2001 and every ten years after that; and
  - (2) When the County Executive adopts an order declaring a county boundary to be changed under I.C. 36-2-1-2.
- (D) A division under division (A) above may also be made in any odd-numbered year not described in division (C).  
(I.C. 36-2-3-4)
- (E) Pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3-4(a) and (d), the county shall be divided into the following County Council election districts:
- 1. Tippecanoe County Council District No. 1 shall consist of Fairfield Township Precincts 1 through 24 inclusive, 26 through 30 inclusive, 32 through 35, and 37.
  - 2. Tippecanoe County Council District No. 2 shall consist of Jackson Township Precinct 1; Perry Township Precincts 1 through 6 inclusive; Shelby Township Precincts 1 and 2; Tippecanoe Township Precinct 1 through 7 inclusive; Union Township Precinct 1; Wabash Township Precincts 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 19, 20, 30 and 31; Washington Township Precincts 1 and 2; and Wayne Township Precinct 1.
  - 3. Tippecanoe County Council District 3 shall consist of Fairfield Township Precinct 25, 31, and 36; Lauramie Township Precinct 1 and 2; Randolph Township Precinct 1; Sheffield Township Precinct 1 through 4 inclusive; and Wea Township Precinct 1 through 21 inclusive.
  - 4. Tippecanoe County Council District 4 shall consist of Wabash Township Precinct 3, 6 through 11 inclusive, 14 through 18 inclusive, and 21 through 29 inclusive.
- (F) Precinct Maps Adopted by Reference. The Tippecanoe County Council Election District Maps reflecting the foregoing County Council election districts are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this code the same as if set forth in full herein. The Tippecanoe County Council Election District Maps

are on file in the Office of the Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission and two (2) copies of the Tippecanoe County Council Election District Maps are on file in the office of the Tippecanoe County Auditor for public inspection during regular office hours.

**§ 35.04 PRECINCT JUDGES TO EXERCISE DUTIES OF ELECTION SHERIFFS.**

The judges of each of the following precincts located in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, shall perform the duties and have the rights of the election sheriffs in each of the named precincts.

- (A) Fairfield Township: Precincts 1 - 37
- (B) Jackson Township: Precinct 1
- (C) Lauramie Township: Precincts 1 - 2
- (D) Perry Township: Precincts 1 - 6
- (E) Randolph Township: Precinct 1
- (F) Sheffield Township: Precincts 1 - 4
- (G) Shelby Township: Precincts 1 - 2
- (H) Tippecanoe Township: Precincts 1 - 7
- (I) Union Township: Precinct 1
- (J) Wabash Township: Precincts 1 - 31
- (K) Washington Township: Precincts 1 - 2
- (L) Wayne Township: Precinct 1
- (M) Wea Township: Precincts 1 - 21

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and signing.

Presented to the Board of Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, and approved on first reading the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, by the following vote:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

VOTE:

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David S. Byers, President

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Thomas P. Murtaugh, Vice President

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John Knochel, Member

ATTEST:

S/S

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Jennifer Weston, Auditor of  
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